

Senate Resolution 1633

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May, 2010, as Breastfeeding Awareness Month; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, breastfeeding promotes bonding between a mother and child, creating a strong
3 foundation for a nurturing family relationship, and provides an excellent nutritional start for
4 babies; and

5 WHEREAS, breast milk is easily digested and contains antibodies from the mother that pass
6 to the baby and help protect against illness, allergies, and dental decay; and

7 WHEREAS, studies have shown that breastfed babies are less likely to be obese children,
8 thereby reducing rising health care costs related to childhood high blood pressure, Type II
9 diabetes, heart disease, and asthma; and

10 WHEREAS, mothers benefit from breastfeeding as it helps burn calories and reduces the risk
11 of some cancers, further lessening health care costs; and

12 WHEREAS, breastfeeding is recommended by the United States Surgeon General, the
13 Georgia Breastfeeding Coalition, Georgia Department of Community Health, and a majority
14 of health care professionals; and

15 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia supports continued research and education in promoting
16 breastfeeding as a high priority to reduce the health care costs in this state and improve the
17 health of Georgia's babies.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 acknowledge the importance of breastfeeding to both babies and mothers and recognize May,
20 2010, as Breastfeeding Awareness Month.

- 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to members of the public and the press.